

In The Claims

Please amend the claims as follows.

Claims 1 and 10 are being amended to correct grammatical errors therein.

Claims 6-9 are being amended to eliminate the multiple dependencies therefrom.

Please delete claim 11. The International Preliminary Examination Authority determined that claim 11 did not comply with Rule 6.2(a) since it relies on reference to the description and drawings. This type of claim would also be unacceptable in the U.S. according to the guidelines set forth in 35 USC 112, second paragraph.

New claim 12 includes subject matter which was intended to be claimed in the original multiple dependent claim 6.

For the Examiner's convenience a complete copy of the claims to be examined are being reproduced below. Please note that claims 2-5 are not being amended. A marked up copy of the claims is attached with this communication and is labeled *Appendix B*.

1. (Amended) A container handling apparatus or cradle, including a main frame adapted to be moved laterally from one side of a container and over said container, means to raise and lower said main frame to raise and lower a container suspended therefrom, and means to engage the top and/or bottom of said container to attach said container to said frame.

2. A container handling apparatus or cradle as claimed in Claim 1, wherein means are provided to allow said apparatus or cradle to be moved around.

3. A container handling apparatus or cradle as claimed in Claim 2, wherein the means to allow said apparatus or cradle to be moved around are ground engaging wheels forming part of said apparatus or cradle.

4. A container handling apparatus or cradle as claimed in Claim 1, wherein said apparatus or cradle includes means for engagement by the tines of a fork lift truck to allow said apparatus or cradle to be moved around.

5. A container handling apparatus or cradle as claimed in Claim 1, wherein wheels forming part of said apparatus or cradle are provided to move it around, and wherein said apparatus or

cradle also includes means for engagement by the tines of a fork lift truck to allow said apparatus or cradle to be moved around.

6. (Amended) A container handling apparatus or cradle as claimed in Claim 3, wherein said wheels are carried by said means to raise and lower said main frame.

7. (Amended) A container handling apparatus or cradle as claimed in Claim 1, wherein said means to raise and lower said main frame are rams carried by said main frame.

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8. (Amended) A container handling apparatus or cradle as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the means to raise and lower said main frame at least on one side of said apparatus or cradle are mounted on means coupled to said apparatus or cradle to allow said apparatus or cradle to be moved relative thereto, and means are provided to allow said relative movement.

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9. (Amended) A container handling apparatus or cradle as claimed in Claim 3, wherein said wheels are self-propelled.

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10. (Amended) A container handling apparatus or cradle as claimed in Claim 9, wherein an operator controlled steering